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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 306
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A RESOLUTION to commend Senator George Alvin Terry for his honorable and unparalleled service to the people of Tennessee.

WHEREAS, it is most appropriate that the members of this body should honor those fellow legislators who have performed their elected duties with the utmost integrity and singular devotion, and whose efforts to ensure competent and efficient leadership and public service have brought immeasurable benefits to their respective communities and to this great State; and

WHEREAS, Senator George Alvin Terry is one such distinguished public servant who served his constituency and this legislative body for eight years with great honor and distinction, and who continues to serve the people of Tennessee as a courageous business leader; and

WHEREAS, a native of Oneida, Senator Terry graduated from the Columbia Military Academy and the University of Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, he fought to ensure the freedoms of this great nation as a Second Lieutenant in the United States Army in 1945 and 1946; and

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WHEREAS, George Alvin Terry served with distinction in the House of Representatives of the 80th General Assembly of the State of Tennessee, from 1957 through 1959, and from 1961 through 1967, he was a Senator in the 82nd, 83rd, and 84th General Assemblies; and

WHEREAS, Senator Terry has served his community well as a past President of the Oneida Kiwanis Club, a member of the Board for Karns Camp and the Mid-South Youth Camp, a member of the Scott County Historical Society, and a member of the American Legion; and

WHEREAS, he has additionally served on the Board of Directors as a Senior Vice President of the Oneida First Trust and Savings Bank, and as Chairman of the First Southern Savings and Loan, and he remains a popular and highly influential figure in the civic and business landscapes of Oneida; and

WHEREAS, he has also been a member of the National Committee for the Support of Public Schools, the National Committee for the Support of Future Farmers, the National Trust for Historic Preservation, and the United States Civil Defense Council; and

WHEREAS, as one of the owners of Terry Motor Company for Chevrolet and a Ben Franklin Store, Senator Terry understands the concerns of small business, and he works both to voice those concerns and to seek solutions for them; and

WHEREAS, during his eight years in the General Assembly, the last six of which he served as Senator, George Alvin Terry was respected in Nashville as a dedicated and well-informed legislator who always voted his conscience, with the best interest of the people of Tennessee and of his District in mind; and

WHEREAS, Senator Terry was a dynamic participant in the legislative process, and he earned the universal admiration of his colleagues for his outstanding contributions and his service as Chair of the Senate Business Committee, Minority Leader for the Senate, and a member of the Education Committee for both the House of Representatives and the Senate; and

WHEREAS, George Alvin Terry earned the respect of his colleagues and constituents alike for the conviction and intelligence he displayed in discharging his duties; in 1972, he was

appointed by Governor Winfield Dunn to serve as Director of State and Federal Surplus Property for the Tennessee Department of General Services, and he later worked for ten years with the Nashville Metro Sheriff's Office; and

WHEREAS, a master of compromise, Senator Terry is highly admired in the General Assembly for his uncanny ability to bring those of disparate opinions together on issues and legislation for the common good of the people of the this great State; and

WHEREAS, Senator Terry earned the loyalty of his exemplary staff by proving his loyalty to them, and he gained the admiration of people and organizations throughout Tennessee for his tireless efforts to improve the quality of life of this State's citizenry; and

WHEREAS, he led the effort to open the vocational school in Oneida, and he worked tirelessly to improve the roads in the District he so ably represented; and

WHEREAS, despite the accolades that have rained down upon him during his tenure in the General Assembly and throughout his many years of service to the people of this State, Senator Terry has always been and remains a most humble servant to his fellow Tennesseans; and

WHEREAS, Senator Terry is an extremely giving person who often reaches out with compassion to people whom life has treated unkindly, and he epitomizes the ideal of the consummate professional, dedicated public servant, and reliable friend and neighbor; and

WHEREAS, an active member in church life, he has served as a Deacon and an Elder in the Oneida Church of Christ, and an Elder in the Madison Church of Christ; he is now a faithful member of the Goodlettsville Church of Christ; and

WHEREAS, his many accomplishments aside, Senator Terry considers himself fortunate to share both love and companionship with his wife, Sarah Ellen Winn; their four daughters, Stephanie Terry Faulkner and husband Curtis, Saralee Terry Woods and husband Larry, Seresa Terry Morgan and husband Greg, and Rachel Terry Thomas and husband Greg; their six grandchildren, Gregory Morgan, Jr., Kristin Morgan, Sean Faulkner, Winn Thomas, Megan

Thomas, and Allison Thomas; and their three step-grandchildren, Rachel Woods and husband Dan Bostick, Allen Woods and Sara Woods; and

WHEREAS, deeply dedicated to his family and an understanding of its vital history, Senator Terry is the author of the book, *The Terrys of Scott County*; and

WHEREAS, he is an ardent fan of the University of Tennessee Volunteers, and he is a member of the Goodpasture Booster Club; and

WHEREAS, Senator Terry is wholly committed to the noble precepts of public service that have earned Tennessee recognition as the "Volunteer State," and he should be specially recognized; and

WHEREAS, it is an honor to pause in our deliberations to recognize our distinguished colleague; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby honor Senator George Alvin Terry for his estimable service to Tennessee as a member of the General Assembly, thank him for his tireless work in service of the good people of his District and the City of Oneida, and commend him for his countless contributions and many good works in service of this State's citizens.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we extend to Senator Terry our best wishes for much success in his future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.